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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DERIVING LOGICAL RELATIONS  
FROM LINGUISTIC RELATIONS  
WITH MULTIPLE RELEVANCE  
RANKING STRATEGIES FOR  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on  
February 17, 2004 in which claims 1-16, 18, 20-23, and 25 were  
rejected and claims 17, 19, 24, and 26 were objected to. Please  
amend the above-identified application as follows.